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Major Seay visits OMEMS

On 16 July 2009, Munitions Training Department (MTD) and OMEMS BRAC Office were hosts for a visit from Major Charles Seay, Deputy to the Ordnance BRAC Chief, OC&S BRAC Team. His primary reason for visiting OMEMS was to see the OMEMS equipment firsthand in its current configuration at RSA and discuss how the equipment would be configured in the designated areas under construction at Fort Lee, Virginia.

David Glasgow, Munitions Division representative and Tim Capers from the OMEMS BRAC Office, welcomed MAJ Seay to the OMEMS campus and provided a tour of OMEMS locations where Conventional Ammunition Training takes place.

The tour started in Building 3305 with an introduction to the requirements for training of the 89A, 89B, and Marine 2311 MOS. MAJ Seay was able to view the SAAS-MOD labs where setups for training of the 89A MOS and its platforms, MMC and ASP/DAO. A review of how the equipment would be setup in the Munitions/EOD Building (BLDG 15) at Ft. Lee was also conducted.

Next we ventured upstairs to see the locations for the 89B and the Marine 2311 training. The initial phase of the 89B10/2311 course will have three classrooms with a capacity of 40 personnel in building C15 (Munitions/EOD) and an additional 8 classrooms for the second phase of 89B10 training at the Training Ammunition Supply Point (TASP) located at the North Range area of Fort Lee. The final classrooms observed were in Building 3305 for the Marine 2311 MOS training. At Fort Lee the 2311 Marine training area will consist of one thirty man classroom (divisible into two 15 person classrooms) and two twenty-six man divisible classrooms in the Munitions/EOD Building.

Major Seay was also shown the Training Ammunition Supply Point (TASP) at RSA where he examined the locations of training for ammunition logistics operations at RSA. Here he was able to see the classrooms and equipment such as the Palletized Loading System (PLS), 10K Forklifts and

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Inert ammunition items to be moved to Fort Lee North Range (NR) to stock the TASP at North Range. The TASP will share the General Instruction Building (GIB) with the Vehicle Recovery Training Course (VRTC). As stated earlier, eight classrooms will be dedicated for 89B10 ammunition training in the GIB building. Also at the NR, TASP will have its own motor pool to secure their vehicles and Material Handling Equipment (MHE). The TASP will have 20 ammunition pads, 5 Test Sheds, 2 above ground magazines, 1 earth covered magazine, 1 Berm storage, 1 modular storage, 1

storage building, and a forklift training area. On-site maintenance will be provided at the North Range by collocated Army Materiel Command (AMC) Maintenance personnel and equipment.

The last stop for the morning tour was Corkern Range. This is where MOSs 89B and Marine 2311 complete their demolition training. When moved to Virginia, this training will take place in the D-1 area at Fort AP Hill Explosive Ordnance Disposal Demolition Range Complex.

After lunch, we started our tour with the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department (EODTD) where we were joined by MAJ Hyman from the EODTD who accompanied MAJ Seay on our tour of Building 3305. At this location, 89D completes their Phase 1 training. The tour consisted of viewing the classrooms, the training equipment, and details of its location in the Munitions /EOD Building at Fort Lee. There will be 18 classrooms and two ordnance ID labs in the Munitions /EOD Building. We also took a look at the Robotic Training area located behind Building 3307. This training will take place at the EOD Training Building (BLDG 16) in the TA-5 area. This building will have 4 classrooms, 2 Robotics Simulator Labs and a Robotic Obstacle Course.



Our tour ended with a visit to the McKinley Range, where the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist (89D10), Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist BNCOC (89D30), Global Anti-Terrorism and Operational/Readiness Course (GATOR), and Tactical Post Blast (TPB) training courses are conducted at RSA. MAJ Hyman showed MAJ Seay the classrooms and all the training areas. The SCoE EOD Field Training Areas at Fort AP Hill will consist of a Range Operational Center which include 6 classrooms, 18 Training Sites, 17 Mobile Sites, 5 Tactical Post Blast Sites, Airfield Mockup Area, Battlefield Mockup Area, 1 Advanced Robotics Obstacle Course and 3 Demolition areas D-1 (Demolition Range), D-2 (Energetic Tools), and D-3.(Tactical Post Blast).



This tour provided MAJ Seay, with boots on the ground look at everything leaving from RSA and how Munitions and EOD training will fit together once on the ground in the SCoE.

OMEMS Prepares for Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) Transportation Non-Binding Bid

OMEMS BRAC Movement Officer CW5 Bill Everett briefed the Non-Binding Bid (NBB) process concept to LTC Randle Jackson (CofS) on 20 Aug 2009. A NBB is a pre-move packet provided to the Army SDDC office. SDDC sends out a letter to transportation movers who have registered with DoD and agreed to certain specifics to move the military during the designated BRAC movement timelines anticipated in April 2011. This concept is similar to the pre-moving household goods checklist for military personnel.

LTC Jackson approved the non-binding bid window of 27-29 Oct 2009 and the Movement Control Officer concept for 832d OD BN, Non-Commission Officer Academy and



all Division/Departments throughout the school. Chief Everett continues to take updates from various organizations throughout the Brigade to the now famous Equipment Transportation Worksheet otherwise known as the 37-Column Worksheet. This worksheet provides the BRAC Office, SDDC and potential civilian transportation movers a sneak-peek of what type of equipment will be moving to Ft. Lee. The movers have access to Army transportation systems, besides the ability to view the complexity and types of equipment OMEMS is attempting to move. Using the household move as an example, it's a pre-move document to provide shippers some idea without visiting and seeing firsthand what equipment is present to move.

The information on this worksheet was used by the SDDC to provide OMEMS with a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) transportation cost estimate of \$6.8 mil. Built into the cost factors are, packing, crating, movement by truck and rail, unpacking and items placed into operations at Ft. Lee, North Range and Ft. AP Hill.

On 14 Sep 09, all Movement Control Officers for organizations throughout OMEMS will be identified to OMEMS BRAC Office. These NCOs or Officers will serve as a key conduit from each organization to the



OMEMS BRAC Office (CW5 Everett) who serves in the same capacity from OMEMS to SDDC. The purpose of these Officers is to determine what equipment within the organization is required to support training and what impact not having the equipment at the Ft. Lee/Ft. AP Hill would have on the training mission. They will be responsible for updating the moving list for shipments to either location for training support. A complete list of all MCOs will be available in mid-September.

The 59th OD BDE has gone through a school wide effort validating and turning in excess equipment over the last

two years and even after these equipment reductions OMEMS has identified 9,906,272 lbs moving to FLVA and FAPH. To date more than seven million pounds of equipment have been identified by EOD personnel during invaluable updates to the BRAC Office. In Jun 09, Mr. Jerry Campbell took CW5 Everett on a tour of McKinley Range identifying required equipment for FAPH. Continuous updates and refinement are being conducted by SSG Ronald Bruce for Module A-F (89D10/20) and SFC Jonathan Martin for equipment supporting McKinley Range. These updates are invaluable as the school plans for the NBB in October.

The near term objective for transportation is; planning the NBB visit from SDDC personnel and contracted moving agencies from 27-29 Oct 09. The three day event is designed around providing overall scope of each organization, number of moves and complexity of each move to include emphasis on large, heavy and special need requirements. The NBB visit provides each organization an opportunity to ask questions and be provided answers in what to expect first hand of potential equipment movers.



Did you know...

- Singer/Songwriter Pat Benatar lived at Fort Lee while married to her high school sweetheart SPC Dennis Benatar.



- Former Ramones Bassist Dee Dee Ramone (real name: Douglas Colvin) was born at Fort Lee, but raised in Berlin until he was 15.



- Virginia had three capital cities: Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Richmond.



- In Virginia, more people work for the United States government than any other industry. About 1/4 of Virginia's workers.



- The first Thanksgiving in North America was held in Virginia in 1619.



- Patrick Henry made his "Give me Liberty or give me Death" speech in St. John's Church in Richmond (outside Fort Lee). Henry later became the first Governor of Virginia. Today, reenactments of the speech occur at the church during tours.

